

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 19-27 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are now pending and, having been allowed, should proceed to issuance upon payment of the required issue fee. The commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1150 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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